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# The Storm

By DANIEL N. WEITZNER

Thursday, January 12. Hollywood, Florida. The TV shows a massive disturbance in the West and Midwest, moving eastwards. The radar from the Westher Bureau indicates further disturbances at the Keys and near the Bahamas. A proposed drive to Key West is called off because of tornado watch...in central Florida, two have been killed by tornadoes. For the while, this news preempts to killings of teen-agers in the Lauderdale area, Cuban farm workers in Broward County, the succession of slayings of prostitutes and bar-maids in the Tampa area. The various sheriffs' offices have a common element—"puzzled".

During the drive on US 95 between Hollywood and Pompano, at about 8 p.m., I noticed that the sky had become cloud-covered, the stars were no longer visible. Plans for deep-sea fishing on this vacation are cancelled.

The wind increased from a breeze to full force. The rain did not go from a sprinkle to full-force, like the change in current when moving a rheostat. It was nothing, and then full-force. The car's heater and defroster were "On" to clear the windshiled of fog; for the wipers could barely keep up with the torrents. Under overpasses, motorcyclists were

huddled for shelter--partial protection at least, for the wind drove the torrential sheets of rain almost horizontally. The sky is lighted by frequent sheets and flashes of lightning-the assortment of meteorological punctuation is complete.

A half-hour later, it is all over. At the hotel room, the air conditioner must be turned on. The ocean looks reasonably quiet, although the lights of off-shore ships illumine white-caps breaking at the shoars.

HOLLYWOOD. 11:00 P.M.
NEWS AND WEATHER. Major

HOLLYWOOD. 11:00 P.M. NEWS AND WEATHER. Major storm predicted, moving eastwards. Small craft warning. Seas 6 to 10 feet. It really doesn't look that bad. Another murder...two high school kids who disappeared a week earlier are still not found.

\$10.00 reward.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 3:00
P.M. DEERFIELD PARK.
Raining. The radio announces a tornado alert—everyone off the roads and back to a secure location—15 miles west of the Beaches and headed eastward.
At Lighthouse Inlet Causeway, the storm breaks. Heavy rain but nothing really spectacular.
6:00 P.M. The radio announces

6:00 P.M. The radio announces heavy damage at Broward International Airport (Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood Airport); BIA is the official title, but no one calls it that. The ticket reservations are for Eastern Flight 424 departing BIA at 10:25 p.m. The Eastern agent is called—so far, everything is on schedule. Traces or faint snow at Logan—Flight Condition 1.

8:30 P.M. The Airport Limousine arrived late-we are the only passengers and we are being picked up on a return trip from Palm Beach. La-de-da.

The limousine driver is asked whether these sudden tropical storms happen very often. He is very friendly and explains that it all depends on the weather. He also mentions that he is going to turn off Rte. 95 to leave his daughter's key ring at the house as she needs the keys. He is gone just long enough to open the door to his house and toss the keys on the table, then locking the door. How is she going to get in the house to get the keys without having a key?

10 P.M. The main lobby of the

10 P.M. The main lobby of the airport is jammed for departures which are up to two hours late. The Eastern-Braniff lobby is almost empty. There are 12 passengers waiting for Flight 424. At Gate 1, there is still no announcement. All arrivals and departures are late. Are all tourists from the mid-West? Delta and American have all the passengers.

10:30 P.M. The flight attendant arrives and announces that



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CAROL SACCHETTI, Human Services major, sophomore, of Littleton, stands beside an easily available fire hydrant.

(Dan Weitzner Photo)

departure will be late to give the crew a chance to "clean up".

11:00 P.M. Boarding is announced in ten minutes. The flight attendant is a "DuPont Blonde"—pleasant, mid-western accent, usual blue Eastern outfit.

Boarding is uneventful and departure is uneventful. Below us and to the left is the rhinestone glitter of the coastal belt resort stretching far to the north as far as Palm Beach. La-de-da. The sky is slightly over-cast.

There is blackness and fitful dozing off until a change in the noise of the engines indicates that the 727 is starting its descent to Logan.

"Miss DuPont" is pleasant as she is efficiently checking, in a starched manner, to make sure that everyone has their seaf belt on. Everyone does.

Eardrums pop as the plane loses altitude. The whiteness of Rhode Island and Massachusetts can be seen below, in between patches of low clouds. The strobe lights of the plane create a startling optical effect as the plane rushes through the clouds and falling snow.

As the blackness of Boston Harbor is crossed, the blue lights of the runways contrast with the white of the ground, the parade of blinking orange lights of the snow-plows, and the winking of the occulting beacon in the tower.

1:00 A.M. The landing is extremely gentle and the plane taxis to the distant Eastern Airlines terminal.

Baggage is reclaimed and a call to Leominster—or attempted call— shows the phone to be off the hook. The kids will blame it on the cat.

Except for ourselves and a pilot waiting for a ride home from a cancelled flight, we are alone in the terminal except for the custodians.

Outside, a chartered bus pulls up. The driver says that the roads are hell because of a combination of sleet and snow freezing on the windshields.

There is a continuous parades of snowplows and sanding trucks and an occasional shuttle bus to the Airport Hilton.

A trip to the Hilton is interesting, to say the least, for the minibus is skidding all over the place. At least, a few hours sleep can be put in before the 12:15 Vermont Transit from Logan to Howard Johnson's at the Fitchburg Junction. One Vermont Transit has come in from Rutland and Keene; the driver is bleary-eyed and he described almost impassible conditions; however, the 12:15 arrives on time, leaves on time and arrives at Fitchburg-Leominster on time.

The cat is blamed for the phone being off the hook.



THE ROY MERIWETHER TRIO will be playing at FSC February 4. Details inside.

(Photo for the Rhetoric)

### Self defense course offered

On campus there are numerous people who have experience and interest in learning various martial arts. Unfortunately, most stop practicing once school begins. This need not be the case.

Each Wednesday starting at 12:30 p.m., Jim Sheehan and I plan to get together with the purpose of sharing techniques with each other and with anyone else who cares to join us.

Jim has been teaching karate and judo on campus for numerous years, holding a first degree black belt in the "gentle way" and in kenpo karate. I have also earned a first degree black belt in taekwon-do, another style of karate.

We are interested in meeting with people at all levels of proficiency in the martial arts, which also includes boxing, wrestling, T'ai Chi'i Chuan, Shotokan, etc.

If interested, please drop by the gym on Wednesdays. Another time can be arranged to accommodate those who cannot make it regularly at this time.

Fran Nadeau

### Important veterans reminder

Please remember the following points regarding your benefits:

(1) 12 semester hours is the minimum for full time training. If you drop below that level your payments will be reduced accordingly.

(2) Please remember that the V.A. cannot pay for "W" grades. If you must withdraw, do it officially and identify the reason for the withdrawal.

Unless mitigating circumstances are found the V.A. must go back to the beginning of the semester to compute overpayments in the case of "W"

grades. Dropping from 15 to 12 hours would have no affect on benefit payments, however, if the training time is changed an overpayment will be created.

For example, if a student enrolls for 12 hours and drops to 9 hours effective April 12th, the V.A. must go back to January 17th to create the overpayment, unless mitigating circumstances are found.

If there are any questions on V.A. benefits, please contact me. Ed O'Connor, VA Representative, No. 151, Box 6472, Mon. & Tues. 7:45-4:15; Fri. 8-4:30.

# Paula Robbins named for graduate studies

Dr. Paula I. Robbins of Concord, has been named Associate Director of Graduate Studies in the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education at Fitchburg State College, President Vincent J. Mara announced today.

Dr. Robbins received her bachelor's degree in English from Vassar College, her master's in education from Boston University and her doctorate from the University of Connecticut.

She is member of Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and is a 1977-1978 Education Policy Fellow of the Institute of Educational Leadership of

Dr. Paula I. Robbins of Conord, has been named Associate irector of Graduate Studies in the Division of Graduate and Who of American Women.

A prolific author of articles for professional journals, Dr. Robbins has written the book "Mid-Life Career Changes" which will be published next year by A.M.A.C.O.M., the publishing division of the American Management Association. Prior to joining Fitchburg State College, Dr. Robbins was an instructional design associate at the Hartford, Conn., Graduate Center, director of career counseling at Trinity College in Hartford and was assistant to the director of the appointment bureau at Radcliffe College.

# Skating areas noted

The question was asked in the last issue of RHETORIC about the availability of free skating in the FSC area.

The answer given was, to say the least, inadequate. As any commuter knows, free skating is available at all times on the campus walks, and in all streets, alleys, parking lots, sidewalks, passways, boulevards, avenues, and parkways in the campus areas.

The skater is not encumbered by fees, rules, hours, availability, or even skates; the fly in the

# Welcome back NEASYLON

The NEASYLON Society would like to take this time to welcome you back to school and to wish you a Happy New Year. We wish everyone a happy Spring '78

The Sisters of Phi Omega Psi

ointment is that much of the skating is neither desired nor intentional. Further, the skating is also available to the nonskater.

# CP telethon Feb. 4, 5

The annual Cerebral Palsy telethon will be held on Saturday, February 4, and Sunday, February 5. The Fitchburg State College phone center will be in the Child Development Center at the McKay Campus School. The phones there will be manned by FSC students for the twenty-one hours that the telethon will be in progress. The Telethon will be broadcast on WNAC-TV, Channel 7 in Boston. All FSC students, faculty and staff are urged to phone in their pledges. Last year's total from the Fitchburg area was \$5,500. The phone number for this area is 345-0191.

# Bookstore answers your questions

A representative of the college stores associates will answer your questions concerning the bookstore. The questions will be asked by the Student Government Association Council members.

The council members need your imput. If you have any complaints or questions about the bookstore which you would like to have answered, speak to an S.G.A. representative, or send your questions to Box 4608.

The meeting with the bookstore will be held on Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in G-04 of the Campus Center in the Hammond building. As always, everyone is welcome to attend.

# Psyche Club lists objectives

"I expect this semester to be one of the most productive ones thus far for the Psychology Club," states Francis Nadeau, the organization's president.

Presently, Brian Smith, the vice-president, is working on taping the text of the General Psychology textbook. Thus, handicapped students, especially blind pupils, will have a verbal recording of this book.

"This is a long process," states Nadeau, "but we're working on finishing it as soon as possible."

At its first meeting this term, the club officers have outlined some possible objectives for the coming semester. Although each goal is tentative, they are indeed ambitious.

"We're checking into setting up a peer tutoring program for the General Psychology class." The president predicts, "It's foreseeable that this concept could be extended to reach students who are having trouble in other courses as well.

"Also, I'm negotiating with an outside professional to see if we could set up a personal growth group on campus."

### **Psyche Club Notes**

Personal growth, Nadeau says, usually indicates growing emotionally. Thus, this group would probably participate in exercises designed to allow its members to know their emotional selves better than before.

"Furthermore, we plan to attend a conference in Boston on Bioethics," this is a fancy title, but it should still be worth attending."

Open to all students on campus, issues to be discussed at this include the following: ethics and the life sciences, psychological and psychiatric treatment of mental patients and prisoners, behavior control-modification, death and dying, human experimentation and informed consent, professional-patient relationship, genetic engineering, population control, medical technology, right to health care, care of the aging, and women's health.

The Psychology Club meets weekly on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in room GO4 of the campus center. It's open to the whole school population. For more information, contact Francis Nadeau.

# You can restore sight to a blind person

By donating your eyes, after death, to the New England Eye Bank, formerly the Boston Eye Bank.

Eye surgeons estimate that one out of 25 of all the American blind can be helped to see again by the corneal transplant operation.

The operation for replacing a clouded cornea — with tissue from a donated eye — is the result of a century and a half of research and experiment. But it was not until 1945 that most of these blind had the hopes of regaining their sight.

There were two reasons for this: 1) a lack of corneal tissue, and 2) a combination of time, space and transportation problems. But in 1945 the Eye Bank for Sigh Restoration, Inc., was established in New York City to collect, preserve and distribute corneal tissue.

The New England Eye Bank was formed in 1946 to serve the entire New England area (except Connecticut which now has its own Eye Bank) in providing eye tissue for the corneal transplant operation and research. The New England Eye Bank is affiliated with the Eye Bank Association of America.

A young doctor whose medical career was so cruelly stopped by blindness was left with little hope that he would ever again practice medicine. His life was given new meaning when he learned that his sight could be restored through a corneal transplant.

Then his days were spent in waiting and praying that someone would filfill his need. And so it happened that an eye donor died in a Boston hospital and within 24 hours Dr. M. had his first corneal transplant.

Because of a person he never knew Dr. M. is continuing his medical career today.

Through the generosity of one eye donor this young surgeon has been given the opportunity to save the lives of countless others.

And it is within your power to make other stories like this come true.  $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{$ 

There are no age limits on the donation of eyes.

- Wearing of glasses, most previous eye surgery, or diseases of the eye have little effect on eye donations.
- It is not necessary to be pre-registered for a donation to be made.
- Eyes must be removed as soon as possible and may be kept as long as 24 hours.
- There is no disfigurement after the removal of donated eyes.
- Eyes are never bought or sold. Eyes are never removed from living donors. There is no market for the sale or eye tissue.
- The Eye Bank never charges for its services. Eyes are furnished free to surgeons and there is no cost to patients. There is no charge to the next of kin for the removal of donated eyes.
- Since donated eyes must be removed as soon as possible, under sterile conditions, it is at the present time only practical to obtain eyes from persons who die in a hospital. Removal of the eyes may be done in any hospital. More than 250 affiliated hospitals throughout New England are familiar with Eye Bank procedures.
- There are no religious objections on the part of the Protestant, Catholic or Jewish faiths to the donation of eyes.
- A corneal transplant can help only one type of blindness
   that caused by a corneal disease or injury. The whole eye cannot be transplanted successfully.
- The Eye Bank reserves the right to determine the purposes for which the eye tissue will be used. However, no eye is ever wasted. Eyes that are unsuitable for transplant for technical reasons are invaluable for research. Someday the knowledge gained from research may contribute to the cure and prevention of many causes of blindness.
- Eye surgeons es thousands of needlessly blind persons could be helped to regain their sight through the corneal transplant operation.
- Since the New England Eye Bank primarily serves the New England area, if you move outside of this area, contact the Eye Bank for the name and address of the Eye Bank nearest you.
- The New England Eye Bank welcomes visitors to its offices, located in the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.
- The New England Eye Bank receives no financial help, except that provided by individual contributions; thus, your gift is essential to our support.

For further information and or accomplishment of tissue bequest, contact Daniel N. Weitzner at either RHETORIC office or Box 6720.

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# Faculty faces...

# Meet President Vincent Mara

Sitting in the Sander's Administration Building in the big 'corner office" is the President of Fitchburg State College. Many of you probably feel that because of this title and position that Vincent Mara is a man to be mentioned in occasional conversation and left to inhabit that 'corner office" and do whatever college presidents do. I found in my recent interview that this is an extreme misconception on the part of many students and faculty

President Mara is by no means stranger to Massachusetts or

the faculty Framingham State College to teach teachers," as he put it.
"I got into administration quite

Worcester, he grew up with seven other brothers and sisters. He always wanted to be a teacher, and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Worcester State College. Dr. Mara spent one year teaching and then two years in the service during the Korean conflict. Upon his discharge, he returned to teaching and went back to school to get his doctorate at the University of Conn. In 1960, he

by accident when a colleague

the public school and state

PRESIDENT VINCENT MARA

(Photo by Howard Rivers)

school office. After that I was asked to be the admissions officer at Framingham. I was reluctant at first. I enjoyed teaching but was happy in administration. My favorite job was the academic dean at Framingham."

In 1974, Dr. Mara became

acting president of Salem State College. He went back to Framingham for a year and was appointed president of Fitchburg State in 1976.

"It's not an easy job. But you can have fun if you like what you're doing and have a good time where you are."

There were so many things I wanted to know at this point I didn't know where to begin. In front of me sat a man who came from a large family, went to public school, state colleges and is now a college president. It sounds like the proverbial success story. But from our further conversation, I realized that all this success did not ruin Vincent Mara. This was even more obvious when I asked him about his

"I try to do the best job I can for myself and others, in anything I do. It's not complicated or profound. It's just a matter of being the best that you

I sat there thinking that this can't be for real. A college president isn't supposed to be unprofound. But President Mara is much more than just a college

wife created and I have five wonderful kids and a beautiful home. I get lots of support at home, even with the long hours. Because of this, we make the most of the time we have together."

"I don't have much time these days for my hobbies either. I like to read non-fiction, especially history and I enjoy Robert Frost. I love to sing and enjoy music. Once I wanted to be an opera singer. I even had an audition in New York. I guess my biggest hobby is my family.

President Mara has new ideas for FSC, too. Not just expansion plans or educational plans.

"I'd like Fitchburg to be a more personal school. Let the students know that the faculty and the administration are interested. This is important to all of us. Students and faculty shouldn't be intimidated by us or each other. Participation is important.'

President Mara and his family do get involved here at FSC. I'm sure many of you never would have known that our college president has played Santa Claus for the McKay Kindergarten class the last two Christmasses. Iwas impressed with that. He and his family attend all school functions that they are able to.

"I want the students to know I'm here. Many times I've heard students behind me whisper, "Is that the president?" I'll walk across campus and say hello to

groups of students-some will look away and others aren't sure who I am or what to say. I do like to walk around and visit. I want to be a visible and accesible person."

President Mara is also involved in the community.

"I'm on the Civic Center Board, Chamber of Commerce, and the board of the Savings Bank. The community identifies the college with it's president and the college is an important part of the community.

During the 90 minutes spent in the office I found that to be a college president there are lots of things you don't have to be.

In that "corner office" there is warm, charming, derstanding man who is here to benefit FSC in every way he knows how.

So the next time you're walking across campus and see President Mara, say hello--you'll probably be delighted with the response.

# Up and coming

John Moore, at the Cathay Island, Leominster, Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Gene Howard, at the Tiki Hut, Mondays, and Oyster Bars, Fridays

Jazz Band, every Sunday at Oyster Bar.

C&W Mow Co,, Bentley College, Feb. 23, excellent bluegrass-Country Rock.

# ER COLLECE?

You're aiming for a college degree. And with that in hand you'll be looking for a job offer. You may find it won't be automatic. For that reason it's important for you, as a sophomore, to make the most of your last two years in college. Whatever your career choice, you'll want to become competitive and marketable. It won't be easy but you'll find yourself better

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# Senate internship program planned

The Massachusetts Senate has run a variety of Intern Programs for the last nine years. During the academic year, parttime and full-time unpaid internships are available. In the summer there is a paid inprogram for Massachusetts college juniors, seniors, and graduate students. (Students who will be juniors the the September after the in-ternship are also eligible.) Interns usually are assigned to a Senator's office or to legislative committees. They perform such tasks as bill analysis, spot research, in-depth research, handling constituent mail and follow-up on constituent problems, preparing newsletters, attending committee or subcommittee meetings, drafting bills and amendments, and liaison with state agencies.

Each summer a mandatory weekly seminar program provides the academic basis for many students to receive credit for their summer experience. The seminar program also gives interns a chance to develop new perspectives on their work and to get to know their fellow interns.

For the fourth year, in addition to the college internship program, we will offer midcareer internships to a small group of high school teachers. These teachers will be assigned to Senators' offices and to committees. The two programs are run concurrently and occasionally they meet together.

casionally they meet together. PROGRAM: The summer program will begin June 12 and will run for seven weeks, ending on July 28, 1978. The experience is designed to give a working knowledge of the Massachusetts

featured of albums by -

See answers on page 12

Senate to students from a variety of disciplines.

Ten college students will be chosen to work in the offices of State Senators or for legislative committees. They will also attend a weekly seminar. Interns may find that they can negotiate with their school to receive

credit.
Students will be paid a stipened of \$840 for the summer.

ELIGIBILITY: This program is open to any college junior. senior or graduate student who is a Massachusetts resident or attending a Massachusetts

college.

Because we wish to give as many individuals as possible an internship experience, anyone who has had either a paid or unpaid internship in the Massachusetts legislature is not eligible for this program.

eligible for this program.

SELECTION: Selection will be made based on the following criteria: personal statement, grades, geographic distribution, affirmative action and references.

DEADLINES: For return of application: March 8, 1978 for decision: May 1, 1978.

Special Education Club and is also a respite care worker.

Ms. Pires is a senior who plans to be a special needs teacher. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

**Scholarships** 

Denise M. Martin and Mary D. Pires, special education majors at Fitchburg State College, have

scholarships of \$500 each from

the Massachusetts Association

for Retarded Citizens (MARC)

MARC is a private, nonprofit

association of volunteers which

acts as an advocate for the

160,000 mentally retarded

Ms. Martin is a junior who is a member of the Council for Ex-

ceptional Children and the

citizens of Massachusetts.

for the 1977-78 academic year.

scholastic

awarded

Raymond Pires, New Beford.

MARC offers scholarships to college students majoring in special education or a related field to ensure that quality education will be provided to mentally retarded children. Recipients must be Massachusetts residents, be juniors or seniors in Massachusetts colleges or universities, have financial. need, and maintain high academic standards.

# Popular music quiz

By CATHY LONDON

1. Her backup singers are "The Harlettes", and she calls herself "The Divine Miss M." She is —

2. Stephanie Nicks is better known to Fleetwood Mac fans as Nicks

3. Tina Weymouth plays bass guitar for ————————.

4. Karla Bonoff's songs "Someone To Lay Down Beside Me", and "Lose Again" were made popular by

5. "Dancer With Bruised Knees" is the album by sisters Kate and Anna

6. The lead singer for Jefferson

Starship is -

7. Prolific singer-songwriter whose latest Top 40 offering was the Grammy-award winner "Send In The Clowns". She is ——

McVie.

10. She is a "Woman of Heart and Mind", as well as "Don Juan's Reckiess Daughter".

12. Her 1972 album "Tapestry, was the No. 1 best-selling LP of all time until 1977 when that record was broken by "Frampton Comes Alive". She is

13. Joan Jett and Cherie Curry are members of

14. Ann and Nancy Wilson are lead singers for the group ——

15. Debby Harry's state name

16. Who made "Midnight Blue" hit?

17. Joan Armatrading's most well-known song is "Love and —

18. She wrote "When I Need You".

19 "Anticipation" and "You're So Vain" were composed and sung by

20. Joan Baez is frequently

# Day for Women

"Keeping Body and Soul Together: A Day for Women" is being planned for Saturday, April 1, 1978, sponsored by The Nashoba Community Hospital. The day-long conference-workshop will be held at the Page School in Ayer and will feature speakers, small group sessions, and films covering a wide variety of topics of interest to women.

A special committee has been set up to plan and schedule the day's events, which will cover women's health, children and child-care money handling, careers and other subjects. Edythe Salzman, Education Coordinator for the hospital, is chairing the planning committee, made up of women from several towns in the Nashoba Valley.

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# **FSC** students listed in 'Who's Who'

The 1977-78 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will carry the names of 47 students from Fitchburg State College, Fitchburg, who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from Fitchburg are: Ms. Dawn Alexander, William Andrews, Ms. Nancy Angelo, Ms. Elizabeth Berthelette, Ms. Jeanne Berthelette, Ms. Jeanne Boisvert, Ms. Lisa Marie Burke, Jeanne Ms. Eileen Cahill, Ms. Joanne Camerota, Steven J. Coleman, John Conley, Ms. Nancy Conrardy, Ms. Beverly Cronin, Paul Croteau, Ms. Joanne J. Curtis, Dean Fuller, Nicholas Gorgoglione, Gerard T. Gree, Edward Barton Jacob, Ms. Barbara Jacque, Ms. Geraldine Kennedy, Ms. Carol Krasin, Ms. Susan Laberge, Ms. Vonda LaCroix, Ms. Margaret L'Ecuy<mark>e</mark>r, Robert Lima, Ms. Margaret Linda Mason, David Munroe, Ms. Ruth McCann, Ms. Margaret McLaughlin, Sean O'Brien, Ms. Lynn O'Toole, Ms. Sharon Page, Ms. Karen Petroska, Ms. Justine A. Piskadlo, Ms. Lori Crandall Platt, John Powers, Ms. Mary Puliafico, Ms. Judith Quinn, Ms. Stepahnie Reynolds, Paul Gregory Smith, Thomas Smith, Ms. Sarah J. Stauble, Peter Strazdas, Ms. Marto Wallace, and Ms. Nancy Williamson.

### **Nutrition course?**

The FSC Food Co-op is interested in getting a credited Nutrition course for all students on the campus by the fall semester. If you think you might be interested in taking such a course, and if you have any ideas on what you would like the course to include, would you please drop me a line? Lee, Box 4540, at the Co-op, Miller Hall.

### Timms course

Memo: Dr. Peter Timms, who gave a presentation on the cave paintings in our Man & Nature class last semester, is teaching a course on primitive man this semester. It is listed as S08003 Primitive Man (Op Scan 665) given on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 9:30-10:30 in Edgerly 203.

A number of you mentioned that you enjoyed his presentation and so I thought you would want to know about this.

## Personals

1) DEAR "DO IT!": I must say it's been fun knowing you.

The Enquirer

Hang in there. You're bound for a Pulitizer (just don't blow it by dedicating any masterpieces to

One of the Crowd

3)C.C. - continue the million dollar deals. We could use you on the Rhetoric Staff.

4)Sharon,

Sorry I asked you to remain ANONYMOUS.

ANONYMOUS ALSO.

5) Mike,

Night Management wouldn't be the same without you.

The Leader of the Crumpled

6) Elaine and Peggy,

It was a pleasure to meet you

7) Larry the Custodian,

Thanks for the advice and the Comet, they've both helped my complexion immensely

The Hard Worker.

8) Eva,

Congrats. I promise not to forget any more sudden deadlines.

9) Romolo Glad you ked the tuna grinder and Tab.

A True Gourmet.

10) Mike Lafosse.

Best of Luck with art exhibit. You're the best.

1) Pat Donovan:

The building is closing, it's 12 midnight, you never came to vist me here in the office, and I will further disavow all knowledge of the Women's Co-op.....

The lost Typewriter key

12) Witchcraft:

Glad to have met you. I'm sure you'll be made welcome in Fitchburg.

The Kalakka-ette

13) Tricia,

You are mistaken in thinking that I know EVERYONE, it's just not true. There are about 5 persons I still haven't met. (Can you introduce me?)

14) To No. 10, Women's Varsity BB; Shaker thinks you're a creep. I say, I think she's projecting.

**Shrinking Violet** 

15) D.W.

So you think COMA is a poor novel? It has more life than Tolkein. (Check that out with your stethoscope and sphygmom-anometer.) 120 / 180

# **APO Activities**

APO, the campus' only national service fraternity, has announced another semester of activity at Hillside School for Boys, in Marlboro. This service, which is charitable in nature as well as social, will follow shortly upon the completion of the APO Book Exchange which is carried on each semester in the Union. Students buy and sell textbooks as well as other books at the Exchange, and often realize substantial savings.

Other service activities of Omicron Psi Chapter, the name of the Fitchburg State division of APO, include washing windows in the dorms, manning hot-lines for troubled citizens of the community, assisting in alumni mailing, and many others. A number of socials are also held in the course of the year for members and guests.

But the Hillside School project is the major service for the fraternity. The Hillside School is an institution for boys in grades one through eight who come from broken homes. The home environment of the boys is such that

they must be removed from their homes and provided a place to live, study, and socialize. Hillside offers an alternative to a juvenile hall or foster home. Some residents in the program come for temporary stays while others are there semi-permanently.

Each visit to Hillside involves a morning of fix-up projects by the brothers of APO. Especially planned out are projects that the school cannot afford to have done by professionals. Painting, carpenty, lawn work, plumbing, electricity are among the projects the fraternity's brothers undertake.

A lunch follows with the fraternity mingling with the Hillside students and acquainting them with the nature of college life. After lunch, baseball and soccer are played. APO proudly announces that it has sometimes won over the junior high school teams fielded against them.

Early in the spring semester a membership drive will be launched by APO and hopes are that a large number of students interested in service as well as fellowship will be joining.

# Pets in Campus Center

It has become necessary for the Campus Center to reiterate the policy about dogs and pets in the building. We realize the desire of many of our patrons to have pets in the Center. However, actions of these pets often are unsafe and unsanitary.

In light of these facts and numerous complaints, we shall continue the enforcement of our policy:

Pets and other animals, excluding seeing eye dogs, shall not be allowed in the building.

We, in cooperation with the Fitchburg Board of Health, shall take the following action:

1. Persons with pets on a leash are requested not to bring them into the Campus Center.

2. Stray pets will be restrained by the staff and given to the Fitchburg Dog Officer.

a. Owners whose dogs are licensed will be notified within 24 hours their dog is in the custody of the Fitchburg Dog Officer.

b. Untagged pets will be removed to an area pound to be handled in their customary way.

I regret that such action is necessary, and I call upon every owner to please assist us. We all love our pets in our own way, but it is unfair to subject other persons to compete with several dogs to eat their meal or relax in the lounges.

Thank you for cooperation, Raoul Rebillard, Director Campus Center.

# Raintree: an up and strumming group

By KIRSTON CARLSON Round the corner is February, with January's leftover snow,

Valentines, and more music at

chord of your musical awareness. On February 5th, I welcome a rainbow of musicians and

welcome their music. They are

Amherst. The sound is a true rainbow of musical colors; rich, dark mountain ballads, bright Bluegress harmonies, bouncy

known for combining its own brand of humor and powerful singing with exceptional in-strumental talents. They just Country and Swing tunes, and a

don't hold those instruments! Debbie Fish is a warm lady, involving bass, guitar, and lead vocals. Nick Plakias does it on guitar, harmonica and lead vocals. Jim Heffernon enjoys the guitar, banjo and vocals. And Bob Green moves on Mandolin, bass and vocals. What a splendid variety!

The week following, on Feb. 12th, I am most pleased to introduce a young man of fine humor and regards. He is Rick Neely from Glenview, Illinois. My first encounter with Rick and his friend Sally was at the National Entertainment Convention. I was having dinner at a natural food restaurant where Rick and Sally offered to join me. One of my favorite memories of that convention was the laughs and tasty conversation about our lives over fish and baked tofur.

Rick began his career in Coffeehouses back in the 60's. A versatile performer, he has ignited audiences of all ages and settings with his music and humor. After an eight-year absence, Rick has re-emerged noless capturing than before. Rick

steady flow of tasty original had accomplished this with a songs. Raintree is espeially solid musical sense and a broad range of material; traditional folk songs, to contemporary ballads, as well as his own songs. The lusty chord changes of the lusty hard-driving, up-tunes combined with sensitivity, a subtle sense of humor, and good fund make Rick Neely's performance one you will not soon forget! See you there!



Dear No-it-All

Why don't all the so called "sanitary napkin" machines have tampax in them. Some are just those useless pads, (with no pins) so that if you're not prepared, you're out of luck. They should at least put in the pads with the self-stick strip so in emergencies you've got something secure.

Menstruating

Agreed, you girls should have availability, in the privacy of the ladies room, of your choice

Know-it-All

Where in the Hell is the Student Handbook?

Several weeks ago you reported that it was useful to students from outside this area to have some kind of directory; even a bad directory is better than no directory at all.

Searching

Dear Searching;

"The answer to your question has become extremely involved, mostly because of many new developing rules and regulations concerning campus community.

The first set-back was the editing, now it's a wait for the approved Judicial Board Bylaws. Perhaps, we have just tried to make a bible out of a simple directory. If the students really want just a simple 'where to find what in Fitchburg directory,' then my suggestion would be to voice an opinion at the President's Open House on Mondays and 3:30.

Signed. Know-it-All

Dear Menstruating;

of readily usable products to make your

The College owned machines are replaced when damaged by the newer type containing both types of sanitary supplies. However, the newer type of stay-free pads will not appear until after the back log of stock is used up.

Signed,

Dear Know-it- All;

# NOTICE

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# It's a tough life

"I'll run over and pick up my unemployment check, and then go over to the U. and see what's holding up my check on my Federal Education Grant, and then pick up our food stamps. Meanwhile, you go to the Free V.D. Clinic and check up on your tests, then pick up my new glasses at the Health Center, then go to the Welfare Department and try to increase our eligibility limit again. Later, we'll meet at the Federal Building for the mass demonstration against the stinking, rotten establishment. Don't forget to get lobsters at the Supermarket."



# A bedtime story...

By BRIAN O'CONNELL

The Date: October 47th, 2020, in the year of the Falcon.

The Place: Large mansion outside Framingham, Mass.

The Players: Old ex-Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and young space-aged grandson. (Fade in)

Grandson: Gee, Gramps. got'ny good stories for me today? Do yuh? Huh, huh, do yuh!

Gramps: (Laughing) Hold on there, yuh young whup-persnapper, give an old man time to think! Say, how would you like to hear about my college days? Grandson: Gee! That'd be swell!

Gramps: Yup, them sure was the days, all right! (Mind wanders) Yessiree, Bobby, Wild woman, wet whiskey . . . .

Grandson: Hey, c'mon Gramps! You're not gonna zee out on me now, are ya? You promised me you'd tell me a story about college, didn't ya? Gramps: Well, son, what do ya wanna know about?

Grandson: Well, like, what school did you go to?

Gramps: Oh, well now, that's quite a story. Ya see, son, things, well, they wuz different in them days. Why I remember those 70's like they wuz only yesterday. It all started when me and my friend, Ol' Weird Rodney, were driving up to this little out of the way school we had heard about to have an interview with the dean, well, seein' as we both couldn't be interviewed at the same time, I told Ol' Weird Rodney to drive

place to park, and I just moseyed on in to the Dean's office . . .

(Fade Out)

(Fade In)

Scene: Dean's office at small out of the way school, early

Dean: Well now, son. What do you have to offer here at the college?

Naive Student: (Visibly intimidated) Well, s-s-s-ir, I graduated 10th in my class, I was treasurer of the class, I was in the choir, and I . . .

Dean: No, no, no, you insignificant moron! I mean in terms of your contributions to the betterment of the collegiate society! For example, how much brew can you put down in one night?

N.S. Gee, I never

Dean: Can you get a hold of some good smoke on a regular

N.S. Well, I really don't know

Dean: Do you have any semblance of a decent stereo? N.S. Well, yeah, I gotta Pioneer 1010 receiver and a pair ... Wait a minute, what the hell am I saying? What does this have to do with my possible admission to this school?

Dean: What does what have to do with your possible admission to our school?

You know, what you just said . .

Dean: Beg pardon?

N.S.: (Sighs) You remember,

## Ceremonial mace

Fitchburg State College has just been presented with a ceremonial mace for use at commencements, convocations, and other honors occasions. .

The mace, symbol of presidential authority, was turned from a solid block of walnut by Professor Walter Harrod of the Industrial Arts Department, and himself a graduate of Fitchburg State

Professor Harrod, honored as Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Student Government

Association last year, has long been known for his extraordinary capability as an artist with wood. He is one of the most sought after faculty members by from all departments.

The mace will be displayed during February at the Information Desk in the Campus Center for all to see.

It will be carried for the first time at Commencement by the Faculty marshall who leads the academic procession into the

# Strange but true

For several long months, the Programs Committee has been without a co-ordinator. The subcommittee have sustained themselves without one. Applications were accepted for the co-ordinators position since December. As a result, three interested people applied. Approved Tuesday night, January 24, to my amazement, was myself. Programming is a complex experience and I have

It still remains that the committee has programs positions open for a cultural events person, and a Special Events person. Something to think about already is Spree Day. Spree Day is a possibility, though it needs someone to organize it, which is a big job in itself. The only way Spree Day could happen this year is if someone is willing to take the responsibility. Our one and only Bill Twoomey cannot do it this year.
I wish to let EVERYONE on

campus know that programs is always open to all suggestions, and aid to all clubs and organizations for entertainment and lecture possibilities. Please drop me a line or call if you can aid you with suggestions and possibilites. Again, my numbers are Box 1619, 343-6750. I can be found at the Sunday Coffeehouses and the Sga office often. I sincerely hope that more Campus Organizations and classes can cosponsor, co-found, and co-operate penings before the semester

Needed for Programs Committee: 1. People to be chairpersons of all sub-committee's for 1978-79. 2. Person to be co-ordinator of Programs Committee for 1978-79. 3. Now, Chairpersons for Special Events Subcommittee and a secretary.

Please, if you want to learn how to be a part of the Programming. get in touch with me soon! Until later, watch for meetings and guzzle in one night, and . . .

Dean: Why I never!

N.S. And about my stereo. Dean: Are you crazy? I said

no such . N.S. And about my getting good deals on marijuana

Dean: You do and I'll have you arrested!

N.S.: But you asked me those same questions!

Dean: I most certainly did

N.S.: You did so! Dean: I did not! N.S.: Did so! Dean: Didn't! N.S.: Did!

Dean: Enough of this, you impudent punk! Now, up to this point I see no point in allowing you into this illustrious institution. But, seeing as your so intent on coming here, I'll attempt to forget your lack of good manners and go on to other academically relevant items. And I'll thank you to conduct yourself in the manner of a colleglate adult!

N.S.: (Wiping sweat off brow) Y-y-y-e-s-s-s S-s-sir!

Dean: Okay, now, what do you think of Anita Bryant?

N.S.: Jeepers crow, I really haven't given . .

Dean: Is your favorite color pink?

N.S.: Why no, it's red . . Dean: Do you like to dress in woman's clothing?

N.S.: Of course not! Dean: Is your middle name

N.S.: No, Why

Wolfgang! . . . Say, what's the meaning of this anyway?

Dean: What's the meaning of

N.S.: Awwhh, I get it! You're testing me right?

.. Woman's clothing . Haw! Haw! That's a good one,

Dean: Woman's clothing!!! You don't mean to say! . . .

N.S.: (Hysterically) Is my middle name Lance!!! Haw! Haw! Chortle! Chortle! Guffaw! Guffaw!

Dean: Now listen here young man, I'm sorry, but this is serious

N.S.: But, sir, I-I-I don't understand?

Dean: You have been disappointing, to say the least! N.S.: I'm sorry, but I . . . Dean: No buts!

N.S.: But I'm confused . .

Dean: Well that's understandable coming from a kid who dresses up in women's clothing.

N.S.: I do not dress up in

women's clothing!
Dean: I should hope not . Now, one more question . . . Have you ever been arrested?

N.S.: (Sheepishly) Well, once I was picked up for

Dean: (With a frantic look on his face) Aha! I knew it! A FLASHER! Well, if that don't beat all! I recognized him the minute I saw the trenchcoat!

N.S.: What trenchcoat? Dean: (Wild look in his eyes) A real live flasher, huh! Right here at our school, huh! YOOOOOUUU SSSSSICKO!!!

N.S.: Well that's the last straw, I don't have to sit here and take this! For your information, Mr. Hyde, I was arrested for jaywalking, and as for your damned school, well, you can shove it up your frigging smokestack for all I care! Stick that in your pipe and smoke it!!!

Dean: (Drooling) Say, that gives me an idea! (Picks up

phone, dials number) Hello, is this Fred's Pharmacy and Massage Parlor . . . It is? . . . good . . . . Say, do you have Prince Albert in a can? . . .

(Fade Out)

(Fade in back to Gramps and Grandson)

Grandson: Gee, Gramps, that was a neat story! But one thing bothers me, though . . . Whatever happened to your friend Ol' Weird Rodney who circled around the school fifty years ago

looking for a place to park?
Gramps: Well son, that's another story . . . You see what happened was

THE END

### Veterans' News

Following is a listing of my schedule for the Spring semester which becomes effective January 15, 1978.

Please note the changes that are in boldface:

Monday●-Tuesday, 7:45 a.m. -4:15 p.m. (Miller Hall)

Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Miller Hall) Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Mt. Wachusett C.C.)

Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Mt. Wachusett C.C.)

I am located in Miller Hall, Room 5. My phone number on campus is 345-2151, extension 151. While at Mt. Wachusett Community College my phone number is 632-6600 extension 134. • On the first Monday of each

month I work at Atlantic Union College from 1:00 P.M. until 4:15 P.M.; Phone 365-4561, ext. 59. On the second Monday of each

month I work at the Fitchburg Federal Building.

Ed O'Connor V.A. Representative

Joyce Markunas

# Poetry

Our lives are spent On a rating scale -

-We're constantly being moved From one number to the next And back again -

Evaluation, Recommendation, Judgement Until someone decides

To classify us -Good Fair

Poor

-But, even then it doesn't stop It continues until we're "time-worn"-

Helpless Worthless Senile

And then the process continues Right until death

And then...

"I wonder what grade I'll get for life?" Alan Martin Hultquist, 1978

Your Own Person Each one of us born with two arms, two legs and two eyes, one nose, one mouth. We're basically the same yet toally different. Caught by time and drowned in the pools of constricting circles, each made by another man's droplet of sweat.

### ADMIT ONE WITH THIS COUPON

MINI-CONCERT: WESTON AUDITORIUM BALLET FOLK OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, USA

1:30 pm, thursday, february 9

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ADMISSION WITHOUT COUPON: \$3 PER PERSON

# Dr. Bermuda welcomes all 'Green-Horns

Emeritus of Meteorology, extended a cordial welcome to the new arrivals at the Al Capone Memorial Auditroium Thursday

He pointed out to the "greenhorns" some of the campus betterments such as the escalator in the Campus Center, free noonmeal at Commuters' Cafe, shuttle-bus from the enclosed parking garage, 10 cent beer with free oysters at the Pub, and, of

greatest interest, (at least, to Dr. Bermuda, the Weather Center.

Particularly noted was the Fail-Sure Weather Recorder. This is located exactly 18 meters above the ground on the northeast corner of the baboon-blue chimney, the pride of the skyline.

The heart of the recorder is a piece of Cleghornblende shale (neither schist, nor scheisse, nor good, red herring), imported especially for this purpose from Buctouche. It is a perfect square,

measuring 10 cm by 19 cm, and exactly 10.004 mm thick. It is suspended One cubit distant from the chimney by a temperature-compensated platinum-iridiumscrotium wire, commonly referred to as the "scrotium suspensory"

Dr. Bermuda explained: "A dry stone means no precipitation at the time of observation.

A wet stone, not to be confused with "Whet-stone" means that it

A shadow under the stone means that the sun is shining.

A swining stone indicates that the wind is blowing (Beaufort 3, or better).

If the stone jumps up and down, it indicates an earthquake (Richter 4, or better).

If it is white on top, it means

snow or ice.

If the stone is melting, it indicates probable eruption Mt. Wachusetts (K 2000 degrees or

Red spots indicate poss eruption of acne. (Clearasi better.)

Dr. Bermuda further sta "In the event of the last, I "lu dip" the ethanol, (90 proof

Note: If the Weather Statio missing, it means that a "cer element" has returned for Spring semester.

# Getting

By CAROL PINE

The bronze, 18-year-old beachgod strolls into his local jock shop, picks out the Cadillac of surfboards and pays for it with a personal credit card. The teenage girl with a steady paper route and stunning sincerity secures a local bank loan for a new, ten-speed bike. Three young college graduates have a yen to sell jeans in their own retail shop. No experience, but lots of energy. They convince a local bank to advance them \$5,000 to start the venture.

While credit was once the exclusive privilege of well-to-do, mature Americans, the consumer picture has changed dramatically. Consumers over 50 remember a cash-on-the-barrelhead society when nothing was theirs until they could pay for it. In full.

But no more. Today's consumers buy now and pay later. Our affluent society has become the credit society. We know that we can flash a few plastic rectangles embossed meaningful numbers and gain instant consumer acceptance. We are not in the mainstream until we have at least one installment loan. Buying with cash in the Time magazine seventies, recently pointed out, seems as outmoded as the crew cut.

The variety of goods and services available on credit is astounding. Of course, there are the traditional items such as cars, homes, clothes, appliances, furniture, food and airline tickets. But a person can also would be slowed down con-

rent a Los Angeles apartment, or rent a car, or buy ski-lift tickets in Aspen on credit. He can buy taxi rides on credit and finance veterinary services for his ailing terrier on credit. If he's a culture buff, he can buy original paintings and sculptures on credit. He can even charge his annual church donations or enroll in a college evening course on credit.

No wonder some people collect credit cards like they once collected baseball cards. The plastic rectangles stamped Master Charge, American Express, Amoco and Visa are just as good as currency. Sometimes better. National Car Rental System, Inc. Credit Card Manager Connie Conradi says the average middle-class American has 12.8 credit cards, but there is also the extreme example: Walter Cavanagh is reportedly the most avid credit card collector in the country. Earlier this year, Cavanagh, a pharmacist who earns about \$27,000 a year, said he owned approximately 800 credit cards. Cavanagh apparently collects them for fun and routinely stores all but a few in a safe-deposit box. If Cavanagh actively used his 800plus cards, he would have an estimated line of credit approaching \$9.3 million in a single month.

In some ways, to avoid buying on credit seems, somehow, un-American. Certainly, if we bought goods and services strictly with cash, the economy siderably. But it is not all patriotism and consumer conditioning that leads us to buy on credit. Inflation, coupled with recession in recent years, has made living tough for everyone. No wonder young married couples are scrambling to buy homes -- not because homes are a bargain. Far from it. They're scrambling because the \$50,000 home they admired this year will cost an estimated \$75,000 by 1981.

The conditions and statistics speak clearly. Time magazine reported in February that the U.S. population had grown 44 percent since 1950, but the total amount of outstanding consumer installment debt multiplied more than 12 times to roughly \$179 billion (that figure, by the way, does not even include hom mortgage debt). We are truly a credit society and young adults are the people who depend on credit most. "Their wants and

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Lodge

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says Ronald McCauley of the Chicago Federal Trade Commission regional office. "For the first half of a person's life, he has more time than money...and in the second half, it's the complete opposite."

But there is frustration among young consumers. They watch their parents buy on credit, so they try to do the same. They have more money than their parents did thirty years ago and they choose to spend it -- at last count, about half of all 16-to-21year-old Americans had jobs. Modest jobs like babysitting and cutting lawns, to be sure, but jobs just the same. The jobs plant up to \$20 a week in the pockets of typical 17-year-olds.

With money like that to spend, young people are rapidly lured into the credit world. There are junior charge accounts and accounts charge student

sumers as young as 12. There "campus deb accounts" keen teen accounts." By time he reaches college, young consumer is included the majority if he already he at least a department store cr

After studying the success o young credit card test progr for 18 months, Master Charg Florida reports that among youthful applicants with an cepted co-signer, 80 percent h been approved, the average of credit is \$301 per person the average balance for yo people with Master Charge ca turns out to be a respectable \$

National Car Rental agr that most people under 24 are bad credit risks. The comp also points out that if a yo person already has a Ma Charge card or other ma credit card, it's easy to rent a from National.

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# If they want green pants, turn on the green light

The purpose of a student newspaper in manifold: It gives the students a chance to express their opinions; it is a source of information as to coming events; it is a chance for writers to express their ability; it is a source of entertainment, either internally or "where to go"; it is an open letter from staff to student and vice versa; and, of prime importance, it is a source of pertinent news. We hope to emphasize the word "pertinent".

To aid in the accomplishment of this mission, the Rehtoric would like an appraisal with the following elements in mind:

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Entertainment			
Coming events			
Organized student activities (clubs, etc.)			
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Personals			
Consumerism			7 700
Other:			
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Pheasant Run has a Florida night every Monday night  $V_2$  price lift ticket if you bring an orange or someone from Florida. Saturday two ski for the price of one.

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DR. BOB ZOTTOLI takes a time out from his duties as a Marine Biologist, cabbie, tour guide and general information-giver to soak up some Jamaican rays.

(Rhetoric Photo by Paul D'Alessandro)



CRAIG SAMPSON shows his formal dress clothes for a typical Jamaican day.

(Rhetoric Photo by Paul D'Alessandro)

NURSING STUDENT Nancy Ratcliffe makes

(Rhetoric Photo by Paul D'Alessandro)



SUNRISE OVER THE CARIBBEAN
(Rhetoric Photo by Paul D'Alessandro)

# Jamaica: so long for now

By PAUL D'ALESSANDRO

Have you ever been on a hairpin turn? Maybe. But how about a hairpin turn plus a small landslide right in front of you, a truck with a screaming air horn coming right at you, the road being wide enough for a bulky Toyota, complicated by driving on the left, with the safety and expertise of Dr. George Bond guiding the vehicle very non-chalontly, and Dr. Bob Zottoli close behind, with a mysterious white hankerchief flapping out the window? If not, you should experience one of Jamaica's main roadways. Have you ever swam on a coral reef, and at the same time, about 30 yards off to your right, have a semi-large nurse shark give you the hairy eyeball? Oh, the thrill of Opscan no. 063, Tropical Marine Biology.

Every year, at about 2 a.m. on January 2, a small group of Fitchburg State College students meet in the lobby of the science building where Dr. George Bond and Dr. Robert Zottoli finish up the final preparations and roll their students to New York's Kennedy International Airport. From there, they board Air Jamaica's love bird, piloted by the able Captain Hugo Hugomeyer, with the lovely Elizebeth and the elegant Marcia heading the entourage of Jamaican hospitality. After landing in Montego Bay, Air Jamaica kindly put us up at the

Doctors Cave Hotel for the evening, where we quickly checked into our suites, donned our swimming trunks, grabbed a Red Stripe, and hopped into the 70 degree-plus water of the hotels' non-heated swimming pool.

The next day, the 24 of us boarded our two finely-tuned Volkswagen busses (they were our transportation for our 16 day stay) and wended our way across hill and dale to our campsite, Strawberry Fields, and Robins Bay, where our projects required by the course were carried out.

At Strawberry Fields is where we met our first real taste of the Jamaicans and their way of life. Most everybody were taken aback by the friendliness the Jamacians showed to us right from the start of our stay. In American, a person that forward would be considered "wierd" and you would make for the opposite direction. If it was a Boston street corner, you might even call for a cop. Not so in Jamaica. This is the way they live their life, in peace and harmony with others, no matter who you are or how long they've known you. It took a little getting used to.

Have you ever been a minority? In most cases, probably not. In Jamaica, the town where we did most of our shopping, Annotto Bay, we were almost the only white persons there walking the streets. But there was also almost no rascism present. At least my companions and I did not observe any. It seems the Jamaicans at Strawberry Fields and in Annotto Bay don't really care what color you are. You are Human.

Of course, this trip is not all fun and games. There is also work to do. For projects, we students were split into three groups; one group studied coral reefs, a second group studied fish, and the third studied sea urchins.

Every one brings their own snorkling gear and makes 4 to 7 dives for their particular project. Just like going to the lab only you get a little wet. We made most of our dives in nearby Robins Bay, a picturesque, small bay with an incredible variety of coral in reef formation and many beautiful tropical fish. We also traipsed over to Draipers Reef, Port Antonio, to make two dives. At this reef, in some parts you could see clearly through the deep blue almost 200 feet for a breathtaking view of tropical marine life. Its a viewing experience unequaled by any book or movie.

There is a lot more to Jamaica than whats been described in these few passages. If you would like to know more about it, and even consider yourself as one of next January's participants, contact Dr. Zottoli or Dr. Bond in their offices on the bottom floor of the science building before the end of the semester. And you don't have to be a biology major to participate. Also, Dr. Zottoli and Dr. Bond are trying to organize a non-credit trip for our March vacation. If you are interested, contact them by February 10. Jamaica is an experience that shouldn't be



A VIEW OF ANNOTTO BAY from high up in the hills.
(Rhetoric Photo by Paul D'Alessandro)

# News from Sen. Brooke

perienced an unprecedented trade deficit. Imports outstripped exports by some \$28 billion last year, thus tripled our 1976 trade deficit. Furthermore, we are told that no significant improvement can be expected in the next few years. Some analysts even predict that the 1978 trade deficit will balloon to some \$35 billion.

Because of this trend, in the last few months the dollar has depreciated significantly against the other major trading currencies. Consequently, as the purchasing power of the dollar declines overseas, the cost of our imports increases. And you know all too well what happens next...consumer prices, along with the overall inflation rate skyrocket.

We place much of the blame for the huge deficit on our heavy reliance on imported oil. Experts say that last year our imports totaled about \$45 billion. If oil were omitted from our shopping list, we would have actually had a trade surplus.

However, oil imports are not solely to blame. Two other factors have had a negative impact on our trade balance. First, our traditional agricultural trade surplus narrowed last year by about \$2 billion. This occurred primarily because of the high prices for imported coffee and the bountiful harvests abroad.

Second and more alarming, our trade surplus in manufactured goods decreased significantly last year. In 1976, we recorded a surplus of \$13 billion in manufactured goods. However, in 1977, we recorded a surplus of only about \$5 billion, an \$8 billion decrease.

The reasons given for this substantial deterioration in our trade balance of manufactured goods are varied and somewhat complicated. But, many industry leaders believe that the main reason is quite simple -- the use of unfair trade practices by other nations which prevent our own products from competing on an equal basis. These practices

include the use of various export subsidies and protective import barriers that are far beyond those that we provide in our free enterprise system.

Some say that yielding to these appeals for protection, attractive as they may seem, will only heighten the possibilities of retaliatory action by other nations which would result in a world-wide trade war. Obviously, no one would benefit from such an occurance.

There are productive steps which we can and should take to reduce the deficit. First and foremost, we must adopt an effective energy policy which will halt the growth of oil and natural gas imports. Next, we need to insure that our companies have equal competitive opportunities to sell their products in foreign countries.

We must also continue to urge nations with sizeable trade surpluses such as Japan and Germany to stimulate their economies, thus opening up their markets and reducing the trade imbalances. We must take these and other steps, and we must act

now because we cannot continue to pay the heavy price that such a large trade deficit extracts from our people. Otherwise, protectionist pressures will grow.

Whatever the reason, the impact of the huge trade deficit has been a drag on our overall economy, leaving many key industries such as textiles, shoes, electronics and steel devastated.

But the real victim has been -as usual -- the American worker. Though it is difficult to pinpoint the exact number of jobs lost due to the deterioration in our trade balance, it has been estimated that upwards of a quarter of a million jobs may have been lost in the last two years.

As a result, the Administration and the Congress have come under extreme pressure from both industry and labor to take protective action such as higher tariffs and quotas, export subsidies and other protectionist measures. This pressure has already resulted in the President's recenty announced so-called "reference price" program in the case of steel.

# Registration for N.T.E. exams

Prospective teachers who plan to take the National Teacher Examinations on February 18, 1978, at Fitchburg State College were reminded today that they have less than two weeks to register with Educational Testing Service) ETS of Prin-

ceton, N.J. Registrations must be mailed in time to reach ETS no later than January 26. Registration forms and instructions may be obtained from the Placement Office, 3rd Floor Edgerly Building, Fitchburg, State College or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, ETS, Box 911, Princeton, NJ 08540. On-the-spot registration is not permitted.

During the one-day testing session, a registrant may take the Common Examinations, which include tests professional and general education, plus one of the 26 Area Examinations designed to probe knowledge of particular subject matter and teaching methods.

Once registered, each candidate will receive an admission ticket and notification of the exact location of the center at which to report. Those taking the Common Examinations will report at 8:30 a.m., and finish at about 12:30 p.m.

Area Examinations are scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to about 4:15 p.m.

# Financial aid available

financial aid available to college students. A newly published book tells the readers where to look, how to apply, and what they can realistically expect to receive in

The second edition of FACTS (Financial Aid for College through Scholarships and Loans) by Kathleen Gladstone and Elizabeth Hoffman, can help make post-secondary education a reality for those who think they cannot afford it.

The book describes all the major federal and Massachusetts state financial aid programs in addition to listing over 300 private sources (both national and Massachusetts-based.) Included are scholarships and loans offered by businesses, churches, clubs, foundations, trade unions, veterans organizations, as well as those for students of particular ethnic backgrounds, and those planning to pursue certain fields of interest. Special information is offered for students entering careers in the health professions.

FACTS gives information on loans for college, need analysis, comparison of college costs, and includes a glossary of financial aid terms. Savings plans for college, competitive awards, athletic scholarships, graduate school planning, and other programs to reduce expenses, are also discussed. Information about the Financial Aid Form (FAF), which replaces the now obsolete Parents Confidential Statement (PCS) is clearly stated.

FACTS is unique in that although the basic information is of value to students of all states, the book has information of special interest to Massachusetts residents. It brings together in one reference work financial aid data which until now has been

scattered among many sources. Parents and students will find it indispensable in their search for

The authors have worked in the field of financial aid for the last six years. They have been guests on radio and television shows, and have discussed the subject at high school and library financial aid nights. Both Ms. Gladstone and Ms. Hoffman have participated in college planning seminars, including most recently counseling at career day programs sponsored by Congresswoman Margaret Heckler.

The book may be ordered from FACTS, Richards House, Box 208, Wellesley Hills, Mass. 02181 (prepaid) at a cost of \$3.85 plus 50c mailing and sales tax. FACTS is also available at local

### Jazz

The Roy Meriwether Trio creates a feeling of astonishment, excitement and wonder as they smoothly intertwine gospel, jazz, rock, blues, and classical elements into their per-formances. The program includes unique arrangements of contemporary works as well as selections from his highly ac-claimed Jazz Suite, "Black Snow." A musical treatment of 350 years of the Black experience in America. This composition was supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

You can see the Roy Meriwether Trio in concert Saturday, February 4 at 8 P.M. in Weston Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the Campus Center Information Desk, \$1.00 in advance, \$2.00 at the door.

By Cathy London



CAN YOU IDENTIFY this FSC student? Hint: The "robe" is a surgical and laboratory gown.

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# FSC trackmen keep winning

# Farnsworth in record performance

Sophomore Dave Farnsworth the Gold Medals flew to a 6.17 60 Yard Dash at the Rick Brown also Colby Relays on Jan. 21st to establish a new school, Meet, and Field House Record at Colby College. Later in the meet, running with Rick Brown, Gary Johnson, and Carlton, McLeod, they set another school record in the Mile Relay gaining first place honors by upsetting the University of Maine and taking

Rick Brown also placed 2nd in the 60 Yard Dash to give FSC a strong 1-2 finish in that event.

The 2 Mile Relay came next and the foursome of Kevin Kille, Brian McGee, Don Rist, and the Governor shattered the school record by 5 seconds.

To date the following records

have been set for this Indoor

Ed Healey	62'11''	Sr.
Dave Farnsworth	6.17	So.
Bob Pilcher	6'7''	So.
Ross Davis	12'6''	Fr.
Ed Healey	46'8''	Sr.
Rick Brown	3:25.8	Jr.
Gary Johnson		Fr.
Carlton McLeod		Fr.
Dave Farnsworth		So.
Brian McGee	8:22.8	Sr.
Don Rist		Sr.
Kevin Kille		Jr.
Paul McGovern		Fr.
Kevin Kille	14:37.2	Jr.
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# Track News

The Trackmen have been very impressive in the early stages of the Indoor Track season. Dave Farnsworth has already qualified for the New England, Eastern, and the I.C. 4 A's Championship Meets. According to a recent account in the Boston Globe, Dave was ranked as the Number 1 Sprinter in New England. Joining Dave at the Eastern's will be Rick Brown, Ron Chapman, and Gary Johnson, who are





RON WILLIAMS pumps iron in the FSC gym.

# THE BLOODMOBILE IS COMING

If you would like to volunteer to help out contact Ruth McCann Box 4311

...remember - it takes all types!

currently ranked with the best in New England. As the season progresses, Coach Sheehan feels that quite a few more athletes will make the qualifying stan-

Kevin Kille has been running better every meet and at Colby he shattered the 3 Mile record by almost half a minute. Ross Davis broke the school record in the Pole Vault by 6 inches and is expected to improve much more.

Other men that have been quite impressive to date include Paul McGovern who has bettered his best mile time by four seconds, according to Coach Sheehan, Paul is going to improve so much that even he will be surprised. The team has been fortunate to acquire two outstanding High Jumpers in Bob Pilcher and John Jakobowski, both who have leaped (6'5" or better. Dave O'Rourke has been impressive in the Hurdles, (amazing since FSC doesn't have any yet,) and one of the biggest surprises of the season has been Bob O'Connor who has moved ahead of Glenn Govey in the weight throw, as you may remember Glenn finished 8th in the Hammer last Spring at the Nationals. We believe there could be a real battle there.

Another good point is that all of the best performances to date have been turned in by underclassmen. Now that student teaching is over we hope the seniors can show their stuff.



DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S ATHLETICS, Mrs. Kruczek looks forward to another interesting semester.

(Photo for the Rhetoric)

# Healy qualifies

Fitchburg State's All-American Ed Healey has qualified for the NCAA Indoor Track & Field National Chamthe college record in the shot put by over a foot, and is expected to do even better as the season progresses.

The High Jump event was also quite exciting as Bob Pilcher broke the school record by two inches as he soared 6'7" for first place. Freshman Jakobowski and Harry Williams both leaped 6'4'' which gave FSC some good points.

FSC's great sprinters Dave Farnsowrth and Rick Brown continue to dominate their op-

position as they went 1-2 in the 60 Yd. Dash and newcomer Carlton McLeod took fourth to give us a fine trio of sprinters. Also, Gray pionships by virtue of his recent Johnson (another Freshman) performance of over 60' in the 35 won the 600 Yd. Run and Dave Lb. Weight Throw. Ed also broke Farnsworth won the 440 to enable FSC to win every speed event.

Healey's throwing mates Bob O'Connor and Glenn Govey are also improving at a rapid rate as Bob became only the second man in FSC history to throw the weight over 50', and Glenn is fast approaching that mark.

Although the season is young, FSC has qualified almost half the team for the Post-Season Championship Meets and anyone that knows anything about Track & Field knows about Fitchburg

# Women's basketball co-captains excel

"Chris? I call her Deadeye Korona." - Mrs. Kruczek.

'Lisa's a real hustler, a real leader, and a player any coach would love to have on a team."-Gail Todd.

Mention Lisa Adams and Chris Korona to anyone at FSC who knows about basketball, and these are the kinds of responses you are likely to get. The able cocaptains of the Women's Varsity Basketball Team have made similar impressions on their coach, their teammates, and the basketball buffs who pack the stands at all home games.

"The team has a lot of loyal fans," explains Lisa. Chris adds-'Oh, the fans keep us going."

They go through a lot with their team, including 2-hour daily practices, and of course, the emotional rigors of intense competition. Lisa and Chris' main objective as team captains is to keep team morale high. As fourth-year players, both have enough experience to, as Lisa says, "phychogically keep the team together, psych them up for games. We want to make sure they can withstand the pressures. We guide the team.'

"We're like spokesmen. We have a positive attitude," says Chris. She explains further. "Even though basketball is a team sport, it is an individual sport, too. If a girl makes a mistake, she might get frustrated with her ability. We try to prevent that."

The co-captains genuine concern for their teammates, and Lisa emphasizes that "We are all very close. We do things together. The team is very dedicated, and we always look out for each other. As cocaptains, we get a lot of positive feedback.

### **TEAMWORK**

"We definitely work as a team. Even though everyone is unique, so individualized, we all work together for one purpose."

And that purpose is? To improve their 2-5 season record. How will they accomplish this? Chris Korona has two stock answers, which her teammates have heard as often as they've heard basketballs bounce on the court: "DO IT!" she shouts during practice. "GO FOR IT!" Chris' 5'2" frame belies her infectiously enthusiastic eagerness. She appears tireless while at practice, and is full of encouraging remarks during the drills. When her teammates miss an opportunity to score, she reassures the group with her determined attitude.

Chris thrives on her role with the team. Her responsibility is no burden. "It makes you feel good, it really does."

Lisa is also pleased with her job as co-captain. She is proud that she and Chris were selected for the position by the team. "Majority rules, the team voted," she said with a smile.

court, the bench, or in the locker room is frequently heard saying "Great play, Linda!" or "Nice job, Patty.

Lisa is apparently an excellent example, as one team-mate explained: "I've learned an awful lot from Lisa. Even when things don't look good she never gives up.'

Although they are happy with their respective roles, one aspect of playing basketball here at FSC does annoy them-apathy. "Not too many people even went out for the team. The lack of enthusiasm--and there's so many people who could qualify!", said

"There's a lack of interest in sports. So many people have to pay the athletic fee-and they don't even come to the gym to get their moneys worth."

They also agree that the gym facilities could stand im-provement. According to Chris, "It's not the worst, it's not the best. We've seen worse, but it could be better.'

Her enthusiasm is just as This season is their last one evident as Chris'. Lisa, on the with the Falcons. Lisa will graduate in June, and Chris will have clinical rotations to attend. A nursing major, she is considering a career in Pediatrics. Lisa is a Special Education major who chose that field because want to meet the special needs of

### **BEAT HOLY CROSS**

It seems that both women are meeting the needs of their team. During the game played against Holy Cross College on January 24, Chris contributed 4 points and Lisa was the games' high scorer with 22. Their individual and collective style of sparking teammates and being so available is probably one reason why the FSC team pulled out a very close win over Cross. Before the game the two were very eager for a win, and it showed. Lisa: "After all this work, we've GOT to win. The team has had close games but hasn't been able to put it all together yet. We WILL win!"



APO FRATERNITY MEMBERS celebrate another semester with beers at a local watering hole.

(Photo for the Rhetoric)

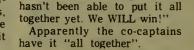
### Quiz answers

- Bette Midler
- Stevie
- Talking Heads
- Linda Ronstadt
- McGarrigle Grace Slick
- **Judy Collins**
- Emmylou Fleetwood Mac
- 10. Joni Mitchell
- "Society's Child"
- 12. Carole King
- The Runaways Heart
- Blondie
- Melissa Manchester
- Affection
- Carole Bayer Sager
- Carly Simon
- 20. Bob Dylan

### Women's Soccer notice

Any group of women interested in playing soccer down at the athletic field please drop a note in Box No. 4368 with the name of

Teams should try to have 11 women on it. We hope to get going this spring.





### ROBERT CATALINI

ROBERT CATALINI of 14 Belmont Street, Fitchburg, has been named assistant basketball coach at Fitchburg State College, James Sheehan, athletic director, announced today.

A native of Gardner, he is a graduate of St. Bernard's High School in Fitchburg.

Catalini is also a 1972 graduate of Fitchburg State College, where he played varsity basketball for four years and was cocaptain of the team in 1970.

An elementary school teacher in the Groton-Dunstable school system since 1972, Catalini has coached the varsity basketball team at Groton-Dunstable Regional the last two years.

# Men's hockey schedule

Thursday	February 2	Framingham State	Н	7:15
Sunday	February 5	Worc. State	Α	7:45
Monday	February 6	Salem State	H	7:15
Thursday	February 9	Mass. Maritime	H	7:15
Monday	February 13	Westfield State	Α	8:30
Thursday	February 16	Wesleyan	A	7:30
Saturday	February 18	Fairfield	A	8:00
Monday	February 20	Bentley	A	7:00
Tuesday	February 21	M.I.T.	Α	7:00
Thursday	February 23	Plymouth State	H	7:15
Saturday	February 25	North Adams	A	7:00
Tuesday	February 28	Mass. Maritime	Α	8:30
Thursday	March 2	Roger Williams	H	7:15

# Men's Indoor Track

Sat. Feb. 11	at Tufts/Brandeis	1 P.M.
Sat. Feb. 18	at So. Conn. Eastern Championships	1 P.M.
Sat. Feb. 25	at Tufts/N.E. Championships	10 A.M.
Sun. Feb. 26	at Tufts/N.E. Championships	10 A.M.
Sat. Mar. 4	at Princeton/IC4A Championships	10 A.M.



MEMBERS OF Women's Athletic Association left to right are: Kathy Vanloon, Chris Korona,

Patti Gardner, Theresa Cash and Diane Torrey (Photo courtesy of Yearbook)